

Opportunity to Participate in Interim Assessment Field Test for K-2 and High School

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test (September 15-October 17, 2014). This field test is an important part of a high quality test development process and can be valuable to schools, students and teachers.

Reasons to Participate

- Prior to the state summative assessment to be administered in the spring 2015, participation in the Fall 2014 Field Test provides an opportunity for schools to test bandwidth capacity and to logistically schedule and move students through an online assessment experience.
- Students would have the benefit of taking an online assessment in a low-stakes situation. The test would offer students a chance to have an online experience and to practice commonly used online assessment tools.
- Teachers who offer the field test assessments will receive an invitation to participate in a focus group that will provide valuable feedback on the interim assessment reporting features.

Districts may have several schools participate in one or more subjects and grade levels. Each participating school must individually register. Content areas to be field tested include:

- English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2.
- High school science courses (Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- High school social studies courses (US History & Geography, World History & Geography, Civics, and Economics).

Technology Considerations:

- Schools may use Windows or Mac desktops and laptops to administer the field test assessments.
- Additionally, MDE is seeking schools to administer the field tests on devices such as iPads, Chromebooks, and Windows 8 tablets (non-touch). Test window runs from October 20 - November 14, 2014. Additional information on testing with these devices will be provided during the next few weeks.

Details regarding the minimum requirements for each device type is provided in the Michigan Testing Device Requirements <http://mtrax.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Michigan-Testing-Device-Requirements.pdf> document.

Additional information regarding the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Tests:

- The Michigan interim assessments are only available online.

- All interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's education standards and assesses students currently enrolled in the subjects selected.
- If Earth Science high school courses are offered to 8th grade students, schools may consider offering the Earth Science interim assessment to these 8th grade students.
- The field test window is September 15, 2014 through October 17, 2014. Schools may administer the field test assessments any time within this five-week test window.

How to Register

To participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test, please complete the registration survey for each school at <https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/fall14-interim-assessment-field-test-registration/>.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.